IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Crl. Misc. No. 41799-M of 2006

DATE OF DECISION : 25.09.2006

Manjit Singh

.... PETITIONERS

Versus

State of Punjab

..... RESPONDENT

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

Present: Mr. J.S. Bedi, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. N.S. Gill, AAG, Punjab.

Petitioner Manjit Singh, apprehending his arrest in a non-bailable offence in case FIR No. 137 dated 9.11.2005 under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, registered at Police Station Division No.1, Jalandhar, has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of anticipatory bail.

I have heard counsel for the parties and have gone through the contents of the FIR as well as the order dated 6.5.2006, passed by Additional Sessions Judge, Jalandhar, whereby bail application of the petitioner has been dismissed.

In this case, on July 27, 2006, after hearing counsel for both the parties, the interim anticipatory bail was granted to the petitioner subject to his joining investigation.

Counsel for the petitioner states that in terms of the aforesaid interim order dated July 27, 2006, the petitioner has joined the investigation. This fact has not been disputed by the State counsel and he further states that the petitioner is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the aforesaid facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the interim bail, granted vide order dated July 27, 2006,

is made absolute subject to the same terms and conditions.

This bail order shall remain in operation till the investigation culminates into filing of challan under section 173 Cr.P.C. except for material change in the circumstances. Thereafter the petitioner shall be entitled to the grant of regular bail by the trial court and the same shall further continue till conclusion of the trial on the conditions to be imposed by the court of competent jurisdiction.

Disposed of accordingly.

September 25, 2006 **(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)**
ndj **JUDGE**